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FOREIGN AND INSULAR.

AUSTRALIA.

Sydney—Examination of Rats.

The following information was taken from bulletins issued by the department of health of New South Wales: During the four weeks ended March 16, 1912, 1,501 rats were examined for plague infection. No plague-infected rat was found.

The last case of human plague was reported May 29, 1909.

The last plague-infected rat was found April 25, 1910.

CUBA.

Transmissible Diseases.

The following statement of transmissible diseases in the island of Cuba was issued by the sanitary department:

MONTH OF MARCH, 1912.

Disease.	New cases.	Deaths.	Remaining under treatment.
Tuberculosis.....	146	244	1,507
Leprosy.....	1	3	346
Malaria.....	152	15	150
Typhoid fever.....	53	17	51
Diphtheria.....	55	11	9
Scarlet fever.....	31	0	19
Measles.....	120	1	48
Varicella.....	60	0	25
Tetanus in new born.....	18	18	1
Dengue.....	2	0	5

EGYPT.

Cairo—Typhus Fever.

Consul Belrose reports the occurrence of 9 deaths from typhus fever during the three weeks ended March 18, 1912.

HAWAII.

Record of Plague Infection.

The last case of human plague at Honolulu occurred July 12, 1910.

The last plague-infected rat was found at Aiea, 9 miles from Honolulu, April 12, 1910.

A case of human plague was reported at Kapulena, Hawaii, October 28, 1911.

At Hilo the last case of human plague occurred March 23, 1910. At Honokaa, 60 miles from Hilo, a fatal case occurred April 20, 1911; a fatal case February 9, 1912; and 2 fatal cases February 25, 1912.